

February 5, 1951.
Judiciary No. 1.

House File 339
By VAN ZWOL and MALLONEE.

Passed House, Date
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Passed Senate, Date
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Approved

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section six hundred thirteen point eleven (613.11),
Code 1950, relating to recovery for injury or death of
husband.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. Section six hundred thirteen point eleven (613.11),
2 code 1950, is amended by striking the period (.) at the end
3 thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “; and all
4 rights of recovery herein conferred upon such surviving husband
5 and children, if any, and the administrator or executor of a
6 deceased wife’s estate, are hereby conferred upon the surviving
7 widow, children, if any, and the administrator or executor of
8 a deceased husband’s estate.”

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 339

The purpose of this bill is to confer the same rights upon a surviving widow or children and the estate of her husband as are now granted wholly and exclusively to a surviving husband.
It is manifestly unjust that the law should not protect the widow and the children to the same extent as it now protects only the husband. Under the law as presently existing, the widow cannot recover for the loss of her husband’s services or support, nor can the children. At the present, only a husband can recover damages in the event his wife is wrongly injured or killed.